

APPENDIX B.

RETURN showing the Interruptions to Telegraphic Communication in Victoria, including also a Statement of the Interruptions to Intercolonial Communication between Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney, from 1st January to 31st December, 1861, both days inclusive, from a record kept at the Central Office, Melbourne.

Date.	Designation of Line.	Points of Interruption.	Period of Interruption.	Supposed or ascertained Cause of Interruption.	Remarks.	Date.	Intercolonial Locality of Interruption.	Period of Interruption.
1861.						1861.		
January 18	North Eastern line	Between Kilmore and Legwood ..	5 hours ..	Tree falling on line.	January 3.—Western line worked badly	Jan. 28	East of Berrima, New South Wales ..	4½ hours.
20	North Eastern line	Between Kilmore and Legwood ..	3 hours ..	Tree falling on line.	between Heiford and Portland, from	29	East of Albany, New South Wales ..	2 hours.
29	North Eastern line	Between Kilmore and Legwood ..	2½ hours ..	Tree falling on line.	2 p.m. to 8 p.m., line touched ground	30	East of Albany, New South Wales ..	4 hours.
February 15	Cape Otway line ..	Between Geelong and Otway ..	1 day ..	Instrument Apollo Bay injured by lightning	occasionally.	Feb. 3	East of Berrima, New South Wales ..	4½ hours.
16	Cape Otway line ..	Between Geelong and Otway ..	2½ hours ..	—severe thunderstorm in that district.	January 12.—Western line worked badly,	8	East of Berrima, New South Wales ..	1 day.
March .. 16	Western line ..	Between Streatham and Hexham ..	1 hour ..	Storm.	severe thunderstorm.	9	East of Berrima, New South Wales ..	2 hours.
26	Wahgunyah line ..	Between Yackandandah and Chiltern ..	1 day ..	Trees falling on line.	January 18.—All lines worked badly from	March 1	East of Berrima, New South Wales ..	8 hours.
April .. 9	Wahgunyah line ..	Between Beechworth and Yackandandah ..	1 day ..	Trees falling on line.	2 p.m., thunderstorm.	6	East of Albany, New South Wales ..	2½ hours.
18	Cape Otway line ..	Between Geelong and Cape Otway ..	1 day ..	Trees falling on line.	January 20.—Western line worked badly,	14	East of Albany, New South Wales ..	6 hours.
25	Cape Otway line ..	Between Geelong and Cape Otway ..	4 hours ..	Trees falling on line.	thunderstorm.	28	East of Albany, New South Wales ..	6 hours.
25	Sotomirac line ..	Between Cape Otway and King Island ..	1 day ..	Lightning arrester defective at Parker River.	January 31.—All lines worked badly,	April 8	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	4 hours.
May .. 28	Wahgunyah line ..	Between Yackandandah and Chiltern ..	10 hours ..	Tree falling on line.	caused by severe thunderstorm; great	9	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	7½ hours.
29	Wahgunyah line ..	Between Yackandandah and Chiltern ..	6 hours ..	Tree falling on line.	atmospheric disturbance all day.	23	East of Geoburn, New South Wales ..	1 day.
June .. 5	North Eastern line	Between Benalla and Wangaratta ..	5½ hours ..	Tree falling on line.	July 11.—Western line worked badly,	30	East of Geoburn, New South Wales ..	1 day.
7	North Eastern line	Between Beechworth and Melbourne ..	14 hours ..	Tree falling on line.	caused by severe thunderstorm.	May 1	East of Geoburn, New South Wales ..	7 hours.
8	North Eastern line	Between Beechworth and Melbourne ..	5 hours ..	Tree falling on line.	July 14.—Western line worked badly,	June 3	East of Albany, New South Wales ..	8½ hours.
22	Western line ..	Between Hexham and Warrambrook ..	2½ hours ..	Tree falling on line.	atmospheric disturbance.	4	East of Albany, New South Wales ..	1 day.
August 24	Cape Schanck line	Between Sandridge and St. Kilda ..	3 hours ..	Line broken by rifle ball—volunteers practising.	Road contractors felling trees.	5	East of Albany, New South Wales ..	10 hours.
27	Cape Schanck line	Between Sandridge and St. Kilda ..	2½ hours ..	Line broken by rifle ball—volunteers practising.		July 2	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	1 day.
30	Western line ..	Between Hexham and Warrambrook ..	4 hours ..	Tree falling on line.	Road contractors felling trees.	8	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	7½ hours.
31	Western line ..	Between Hexham and Warrambrook ..	6 hours ..	Tree falling on line.	Road contractors felling trees.	11	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	2½ hours.
September 4	North Eastern line	Between Benalla and Wangaratta ..	4 hours ..	Tree falling on line.		12	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	6 hours.
5	Western line ..	Between Hexham and Warrambrook ..	4½ hours ..	Tree falling on line.		16	East of Geoburn, New South Wales ..	10 hours.
27	Ararat line ..	Between Beechworth and Yackandandah ..	5 hours ..	Tree falling on line.		Sept. 8	East of Berrima, New South Wales ..	3½ hours.
30	Wahgunyah line ..	Between Beechworth and Yackandandah ..	4 hours ..	Tree falling on line.		9	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	1 day.
October 19	Wahgunyah line ..	Between Beechworth and Yackandandah ..	5 hours ..	Heavy storm.	October 21.—Western line worked badly,	7	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	7½ hours.
27	Western line ..	Between Geelong and Ballkarat ..	6 hours ..	Several posts blown down.	caused by severe thunderstorm.	27	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	1 day.
29	Western line ..	Between Hexham and Warrambrook ..	1 day ..	Several posts blown down.	October 22 to 24.—Western line worked	Nov. 27	East of Geoburn, New South Wales ..	1 day.
32	Western line ..	Between Hexham and Warrambrook ..	1 day ..	Several posts blown down.	badly, in consequence of a number of	Dec. 2	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	1 day.
33	Western line ..	Between Hexham and Warrambrook ..	1 day ..	Several posts blown down.	posts having been blown down between	12	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	1 day.
33	Cape Otway line ..	Between Geelong and Cape Otway ..	1 day ..	Trees falling on line.	Hexham and Warrambrook during a	17	West of Mount Gambier, South Australia ..	1 day.
34	Cape Otway line ..	Between Geelong and Cape Otway ..	1 day ..	Trees falling on line.	very heavy storm on the 23rd.			
35	Cape Otway line ..	Between Geelong and Cape Otway ..	1 day ..	Trees falling on line.				
35	Cape Otway line ..	Between Geelong and Cape Otway ..	1 day ..	Trees falling on line.				
36	Cape Otway line ..	Between Geelong and Cape Otway ..	1 day ..	Trees falling on line.				
December 4	Western line ..	Between Portland and Mount Gambier ..	1 day ..	Storm—trees falling on line.	On the 2nd and 3rd December all lines			
15	Hamilton line ..	Between Portland and Hamilton ..	1 day ..	Storm—trees falling on line.	worked badly, great atmospheric dis-			
17	Hamilton line ..	Between Portland and Hamilton ..	2½ hours ..	Storm—trees falling on line.	turbance.			

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